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Product development

Gum project pays off

Healthy alternative takes fourth place

By Whitney.Sager @iowastatedaily.com

After nearly one year of obstacles, the ISU Food Product Development team’s hard work finally paid off.

The chewing gum the team developed recently placed fourth in the American Association of Cereal Chemists product development contest.

“It’s awesome,” said Stephanie Clark, associate professor of food science and human nutrition and adviser to the team. “It just says that [Iowa State] is in the top.”

The gum is environmentally friendly, consists of natural flavors and is actually nutritious.

The development process started in the fall of 2009 with a series of brainstorming sessions to determine what kind of product to develop for the contest.

The team decided it wanted to make a chewing gum that was a source of probiotics, typically found in dairy products.

“College students regularly chew gum, so it’s a good way for them to get probiotics,” said Babu Chinnasamy, graduate in food science and human nutrition.

The probiotics found in the gum have two health benefits, including better oral health and a healthier gastrointestinal system.

Another product used in the development of the chewing gum is zein, a protein found in corn.

Pradeep Suriya, graduate in food science and human nutrition, came across this ingredient by accident.

Suriya was in a food science lab one day when the protein was being used for another project. The protein was accidentally sprayed on Suriya’s hands and would not come off.

“I tried to wash my hands and it wouldn’t come off,” Suriya said.

After using some ethanol to remove the protein from her hands, Suriya realized it might be of use for the gum the team was trying to develop.

Since zein is not water-soluble, it helps the gum stick together while being chewed.

Challenges the team faced while developing the gum included finding the right texture, experimenting with the way it held moisture and creating the overall flavor.

The team would put in a lot of time each week to overcome those challenges, often spending several hours in the lab.

“You have to be pretty committed to the team,” said Krista McCarty, senior in food science.

As part of the competition, the team was required to submit a written report to the AACC about the product it developed before it could move on to the national competition.



The gum base passes through an extruder to strain out excess water. After this, the gum is subjected to a stage of humidity control called “forming,” followed by dusting with sweeteners to get the final product. Courtesy photo: Pradeep Suriya



The ISU Food Product Development Team placed fourth in the American Association of Cereal Chemists’ product development contest. The team developed a chewing gum that is environmentally friendly and naturally flavored. Courtesy photo: Pradeep Suriya

Of the 30 reports submitted, only five could move on in the competition, and theirs was in the top five.

At the national competition, the team had to give an oral pre-

sentation and make a display poster about the chewing gum they developed.

They also had a taste-testing session, where people could try it. The presentation and poster

Benefits of zein:

- Environmentally friendly
- Promotes oral health
- Protein source, if gum is swallowed
- Will decompose and break down when spit out
- Not water-soluble

session offered students the chance to interact with industry professionals and make contacts that may one day lead to internships.

“It’s a very good place to interact,” Chinnasamy said.

Suriya said several companies have shown interest in the chewing gum the team developed.

He said the companies must check for patents on the use of the products in the gum before it can be sold on the market and in stores.

Whatever the future of the chewing gum, the team members gained valuable experiences developing it.

Student organizations

German clubs connect students



Nathan Rehfluss, left, senior in mathematics, and Ruxandra Looft, lecturer of world languages, speak to each other in German. They are members of a German club that meets every Thursday at Stomping Grounds. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

By Taysha.Murtaugh @iowastatedaily.com

Zeitgeist is a German word meaning “the spirit of the age” or “the spirit of the time.” It is also the name of a German club at Iowa State.

Kristian Schmidt, president of Zeitgeist and graduate in statistics, came to America in 2006 from his home in Unna, Germany, as an exchange student.

“Before I came here, I tried to find some connects to the Germans here,” Schmidt said.

Zeitgeist, a club founded in 1994, was advertised as a way to organize ISU students from Germany. Schmidt became involved almost immediately when the club picked him up from the airport.

Eventually, Schmidt decided to stay all four years and finish college in Ames. He became president of Zeitgeist, which has 5 to 10 active members.

Schmidt said about half the members are from Germany and the other half are Americans who have been to

Germany.

“There’s no criteria [to join Zeitgeist],” Schmidt said.

“Anybody can get involved. But we would like them to be able to have a conversation in German.

“They probably won’t get too much out of [the group] if they can’t have a simple conversation, because we do try to only speak German at the meetings.”

Zeitgeist meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Stomping Grounds and discusses topics such as school, news from home and personal issues — in German, of course.

They also take trips to Oktoberfest in the Amana Colonies and participate in events like the International Food Fair on campus.

“[Zeitgeist] is really to connect with other Germans and be able to talk to people in your language. Just a little bit of home in Ames,” Schmidt said.

Zeitgeist isn’t the only ISU club for students interested in German

Human Services

College adds new major to selection

By Molly.Halferty @iowastatedaily.com

Event management will be a major and minor in the College of Human Sciences for the first time in the spring semester. The program will be part of the apparel, education studies and hospitality management department.

The new major was created because of numerous activities and events that students have the opportunity to organize coupled with students being interested in a career in event management.

Robert Bosselman, professor and chairman of apparel, education studies and hospitality management, was a leading faculty member in getting this major processed and created.

“Students can gain an academic foundation and experience. [This major] was created to get the experiences while they’re here,” Bosselman said.

Course work will include specific management classes, special events management, opportunities to organize campus event, including the fashion show, selling Veishea cherry pies and a required internship.

“[There are] a lot of students on campus

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Troxel Hall

New building to be finished for fall 2012

By Thane.Himes @iowastatedaily.com

Troxel Hall, a new building in the works dedicated primarily to sciences, will be ready for classes during the fall 2012 semester.

The building is named after Douglas Troxel, whose nonprofit foundation donated \$5 million to the project.

Troxel graduated in 1967 with a degree in mathematics and is the chairman emeritus of SERENA Software, which Troxel himself founded in 1980.

He is also CEO of the Change Happens Foundation, the nonprofit corporation responsible for the donation.

Troxel Hall will feature a state-of-the-art 400-seat auditorium that will be primarily for large introductory courses, including sciences, economics, psychology, statistics and anthropology.

The hall will have resources and equipment including overhead projectors and projection screens, data projectors and monitors, video playback, document cameras, audio systems, access to both the campus network and the Internet and other new technological features for the classrooms.

“The more modern equipment will greatly

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Veterinary medicine

Students help Serbian shelter save stray dogs

By Brandon.Hallmark @iowastatedaily.com

Amanda Steffen and Elizabeth Wormley traveled halfway across the world to help deal with a multitude of dogs.

Steffen and Wormley, fourth-year students in veterinary medicine, worked at an animal shelter in Serbia that is helping with dog overpopulation.

They also worked to help build ties between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Veterina Beograd, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Belgrade.

The shelter they worked at caught dogs, then spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and released the animals where they were caught. Some dogs were put up for adoption. Aggressive dogs were kept at a separate location for the remainder of their lives.

“They do have a dog overpopulation prob-

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Weather | Provided by ISU Meteorology Club

Friday
24|47

Gusty conditions near 15 mph from the northwest. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Saturday
35|42

Much of the same, as the Cyclones fight for bowl eligibility.

Sunday
29|52

One con and one pro today: a slight chance of rain, but warmer.

Early Twin City snow:
Nov. 19, 1981 — An unusually early snowstorm struck Minnesota's Twin Cities, with as much as a foot of snow reported.

Calendar

FRIDAY	FRIDAY
Dance social When: 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. What: Free dance social hosted by the ISU Ballroom Dance Club. Singles welcome. Where: 196 Forker	SUB Live Music: The Greencards When: 8 p.m. What: The Greencards are a bluegrass music band from Austin, Texas, that formed in 2003. Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

SATURDAY

Cyclone Central Tailgate
When: 3 p.m.
What: Pre-game tailgate.
Where: ISU Alumni Center, 420 Beach Ave.

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Daily Snapshot



TOPOGRAPHY: Mapping the land

Joshua Yingst, working for Snyder & Associates, uses a Data Collector and Prism Pole to do topographic survey for the design of Farm House Road. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily

Celebrity News

Notes and events.

Tony Parker in sync with wife on divorce

Eva Longoria and her soon-to-be-ex husband, NBA star Tony Parker, agree on at least one thing: They're both sad about filing for a divorce. Parker posted the following Thursday afternoon on his Facebook page: "It is with great sadness that after 7 years together, Eva and I have decided to divorce. We love each other deeply and pray for each other's happiness." [It sounds familiar because it's the same statement Longoria tweeted Wednesday.] Parker posted the statement after providing an elusive interview before a Spurs basketball game against the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday. "This is a difficult time right now for me and Eva,"

he told reporters according to CNN affiliate KSAT in San Antonio. "Everything else is our private life."

Jay-Z: We have to view rap as a serious art form

The greatest music, renowned hip-hop artist Jay-Z told Jon Stewart on "The Daily Show" Wednesday, has the ability to connect with all kinds of people, regardless of background. "After we take the labels — black, white, male, female — after we take off the labels, we basically want the same thing, we love the same things," Jay-Z explained. Yet in spite of that, rap hasn't been viewed as a respectable art form, Jay said. "It was viewed as a fad, and then it became a scapegoat for everything in America," he told Stewart.

With his recently released book, "Decoded" — which tells the backstory to many of his raps throughout his career as well as shining a bit of spotlight on his biography — Jay hopes to give listeners more context to what they're hearing.

'Real Housewife' Sonja Morgan's money woes

"Real Housewives of New York City" star Sonja Morgan may seem like the show's most easygoing cast member but now she's coming out swinging. The reality star, who filed for bankruptcy protection in Manhattan on Wednesday, is blaming the actor for her financial woes, reports the Wall Street Journal. According to court papers, Morgan — who listed \$19.8 million in debt and \$13.5 million in assets on her bankruptcy petition — claims her money problems stem largely from a movie deal gone bad.

Bristol Palin apologizes for Facebook comments

Bristol Palin is apologizing for herself and her younger sister for their Facebook rant against posters criticizing their family. Palin posted the apology on her Facebook page, saying she and her 16-year-old sister Willow "shouldn't have reacted to negative comments about our family. We apologize."

Willow Palin used a homophobic slur against a poster on her Facebook page who criticized her mother's new documentary series "Sarah Palin's Alaska." Then, she and Bristol engaged in a stream of offensive comments with posters who continued to slam the family.

Bristol ends her apologetic post by thanking those who are supporting "the great competition in Dancing with the Stars!" She is among three teams who made the finals this week.

Mystery Writers of America select Paretsky for award

The Mystery Writers of America has chosen Chicago author Sara Paretsky to receive the group's top honor next year. The group announced Thursday that it would present Paretsky its Grand Master award in April in New York. The award is among the Edgar Awards the group presents annually. The Grand Master award was established to acknowledge an author's important contributions to the genre. Paretsky created feisty female private detective V.I. Warshawski in the 1982 novel "Indemnity Only." Her latest book, "Body Work," was released earlier this year and is the 14th installment in the Warshawski series.

The mystery writers' group says Warshawski challenged a genre where "women typically played minor or passive roles." Past winners have included authors Agatha Christie, Alfred Hitchcock and Stephen King.

Alanis Morissette reports she is expecting a boy

Alanis Morissette has something

she thinks you oughta know: The pregnant singer is expecting a baby boy.

Morissette confirmed her wonderful news to CNN a few months after announcing that she and rapper husband Mario Souleye Treadway were in the family way.

Avril Lavigne and Sum 41 frontman finalize divorce

Avril Lavigne and rocker Deryck Whibley have finalized their divorce — and the division of their guitars. Court records show a judge approved terms of the breakup on Tuesday in Los Angeles. The agreement calls for each performer to keep the rights to their song catalogues, awards and guitars.

Neither side is entitled to spousal support.

Lavigne, a punk-pop singer who burst to fame with her 2002 album "Let's Go," filed for divorce in October 2009. She cited irreconcilable differences for her split from Whibley, a guitarist and vocalist with the band Sum 41.

The former couple married in July 2006 and have no children together.

The court judgment was first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

Jessica Alba, Kid Rock to attend 'CNN Heroes: All-Star Tribute'

This year's "CNN Heroes: An All Star Tribute" will definitely be a star-filled night, as more celebs are lined up to attend the event, which will honor all of the Top 10 CNN Heroes as well as the CNN Hero of the Year.

Jessica Alba, Kid Rock, Kiefer Sutherland, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler and Marisa Tomei will be in attendance along with stars like Halle Berry, Demi Moore, LL Cool J and Renee Zellweger.

In addition to performances from Bon Jovi and Sugarland, Grammy-winning artist John Legend has been added to the slate for a set that will also feature rapper Common and singer Melanie Fiona.

'Red' is for 'Riding Hood,' 'Green' is for 'Lantern'

It's the dark versus the light as the trailers for "Red Riding Hood" and "Green Lantern" make their debut.

"Twilight" director Catherine Hardwicke is helming the big-screen adaptation of the classic fairy tale "Red Riding Hood," and, as the trailer reveals, the moody plot revolves around a young woman, a pale, brooding man, and — naturally — a wolf.

Amanda Seyfried, who plays the title character, tells MTV, "Catherine Hardwicke has just completely turned this story into something edgy and gothic and dark."

Fans will be surprised by the tone of the film. Catherine just completely throws it into this dark world, and it's a little scarier than it was meant to be when it was written. We had this freedom to go far with it, so whatever preconceptions the audience has, they should throw it out the door."

Meanwhile, the trailer for "Green Lantern" shows Hal Jordan (played by Ryan Reynolds, who was just named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive) piloting a plane before encountering an alien who hands him the glowing Green Lantern ring.

It's not long before Jordan is seen in his signature emerald apparel, interacting with love interest Carol Ferris (Blake Lively) and battling the villainous Dr. Hector Hammond (Peter Sarsgaard).

Both "Red Riding Hood" and "Green Lantern" are set for release in 2011.

Ke\$ha reveals the deal with the dollar sign

Suddenly that dollar sign in Ke\$ha's name makes sense. In a hilarious new video for Funny or Die, the pop star reveals that a typo was behind her moneyed moniker.

"I used to be Keshha with an S, instead of a dollar sign, and then one year I had my birthday party at Shakey's Pizza," the misty-eyed "Tik Tok" singer explains in the tongue-in-cheek video. "On the sign — the big sign where they write 'Happy Birthday' — they replaced the S with a dollar sign."

A Shakey's employee then confirms the traumatic incident. "Yeah, I remember that day," he recalls. "We had a special going on sausage, salami, and sundried tomatoes pizza so we were just all out of S's."

It turns out that anything written on a restaurant sign becomes legally binding, and as a result of the mishap, Ke\$ha had no choice but to go into show business.

"I wanted to be a CPA," says the 23-year-old, born Keshha Rose Sebert. "But you know who H&R Block doesn't hire? People with dollar signs in their name."

The clip ends with Ke\$ha plotting to reclaim her "S" — but will her plan work? Watch the video to find out.

Stylist Rachel Zoe: 'Yes, I'm pregnant'

Super stylist Rachel Zoe has confirmed that she is expecting a baby.

For weeks, there have been whispers that the 39-year-old star of Bravo's "The Rachel Zoe Project" was expecting a visit from the stork, but she remained mum — until now.

"Hey everyone! I want to officially confirm to my loyal friends and followers that I am pregnant," Zoe, who is married to new media entrepreneur Rodger Berman, wrote on Twitter. "I feel great, Rodger and I are beyond excited and so thankful for all of your love and support."

The couple, who have been married for 12 years, are reportedly expecting a boy, according to E! Online. Just imagine what that kid's wardrobe will be like.

Lohan clan not happy with 'Glee's' rehab jokes

Gwyneth Paltrow may have rocked it on this week's episode of "Glee," but there are a few people who aren't so happy with her performance — like the Lohans.

In between the singing and dancing, the show poked fun at Lindsay Lohan's stints in rehab. Paltrow's character, Holly Holiday, who was subbing as a Spanish teacher, tried to teach the students how to say things like, "Lindsay Lohan is totally crazy, right?"

In a statement from Dina Lohan's attorney on behalf of Dina and her children, the family says they were hurt by the jokes, adding, "we are sadly disappointed in the writers' choice to have such a huge talent like Gwyneth Paltrow relay such hurtful words against a contemporary."

Is Chad Ochocinco engaged?

Looks like Chad Ochocinco may not be appearing in a second season of his VH1 dating reality show.

TMZ has reported that The Cincinnati Bengals football player and star of "Ochocinco: The Ultimate Catch" has gotten engaged to his girlfriend of four months, "Basketball Wives" cast member Evelyn Lozada.

While neither has confirmed the impending nuptials, Lozada did tweet a picture of a massive diamond ring on what appears to be her hand with the message, "I'm no rabbit but 10 carats looks good on me!! Let the hating begin."

CNN Wire Service

Lecture

Chicago innovator shares sustainable art, design projects

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Francis Whitehead shared with students Wednesday night projects she's working on to promote sustainability in art and design.

Whitehead is a professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she founded the Knowledge Lab and the Chicago Center for Climate and Culture, a research center for the study of the cultural dimension of sustainable urbanism.

Project include one of her own home and studio with husband, James Elniski, in Chicago — known as the "GreenHouse Chicago." Whitehead said she sees the project of her home as the "urban life for the future".

The home includes cutting-edge energy technology with locally sourced materials as an example of sustainable urban living.

Whitehead said the house itself became art.

Whitehead considers herself a "designist" because most of her recent work has not only been for the purpose of art, but also for design and practicality. She also incorporates science into a lot of her projects that include plants.

Whitehead has been working on a project to revitalize abandoned gas station lots in the Chicago area that have been polluted.

She and other members of the project look at what plants help rid the soil of the toxins through their roots and while they are growing.

Whitehead said the purpose of that project is to "redesign the city."

She has worked with many people, combining art practices with other forms of social practice.

In 2001, she founded ARTetal Studio to undertake public projects and design focused on innovation, cultural change and environmental awareness.

ARTetal is developing a series of initiatives, including the Embedded Artist Project with the City of Chicago Innovation Program and the Great Lakes Basin Phenologic Garden Project — a climate change and culture change initiative for the Chicago Park District.

She has received grants and awards including the National Endowment for the Arts Access to Artistic Excellence grant, the Tiffany Foundation Award and the Acuff Chair of Excellence in Visual Art.

Faces in the Crowd

Who do you spend the most on for gifts, and how do you decide how much to spend?



Emma Christianson
freshman
open option

"I spend the same on everyone. My family together sets a limit for spending."



Katie Mayer
sophomore
biology

"I like to keep it even. My family sets limits on how much to spend."



Jillian Heimbruch
senior
kinesiology and health

"I spend the same amount on all my family. I just pick an amount based on how much money I have."



Robyn Montz
freshman
biology

"I spend the most on my boyfriend. I decide how much to spend on what they want and go from there."

Powerful women

Former CEO stresses social responsibility

By **Mindy.Dickerson**
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Anne Mulcahy, former CEO of Xerox, spent 33 years building her career from the bottom, up to reach national renowned success.

Students had the chance to listen to one of the "Top 10 World's Most Powerful Women," on Wednesday night. Mulcahy spoke as the fall 2010 Mary Louise Smith Chair in Women and Politics, and also as part of the World Affairs Lecture Series.

Mulcahy credits her amount of experience in the corporate world because she knew how the right decisions and choices to make.

"We've been working with her since last spring [for a lecture] because of how she executed her career," said Dianna Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman-Catt Center. "She started as a sales representative and [got] to CEO."

When Mulcahy began working as the CEO and chairwoman, she was taking on more than the average amount of work.

"[The company] was literally on the verge of bankruptcy," Mulcahy said. "It was not smooth sailing by any means. I reached a couple turning points where I thought I'd have to leave the business. Before I had the opportunity to do that the company helped me along the way."

Throughout her struggles as CEO, Mulcahy learned something that changed her life and work.

"The one difference between those who make it, and those who don't, are the ones who ask for help," Mulcahy said.



Anne Mulcahy, Former CEO of Xerox, gives a lecture about leadership to ISU students Wednesday in the Sun Room. Mulcahy has been an advocate for corporate social responsibility. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily

Besides reaching out for help, she also developed five fundamental things in order to rebuild Xerox. The list consists of: listening, having a clear vision of where they want to take the journey, set clear objectives, be authentic and set good values.

"Humility always trumps hubris," Mulcahy said.

During the end of the 10 years Mulcahy worked as CEO and chairwoman, she began researching a new organization: Save the Children.

"I believe we all need to give back at some point," Mulcahy said. "[Save the Children] had a long history, stellar reputation and 93 cents of every dollar goes to the kids."

One reason Mulcahy felt was most important was the organization's focus on sustainability. The group works with people in need, and teaches them ways to survive without completely relying on Save the Children.

"If you can change the mind of a young child, then that's the way to go," Mulcahy said. "I'm more inspired today [by Save the Children] than 11 months ago when I joined."

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help with teaching the large lectures that nearly every student will have to attend during their ISU career," said Michael Whiteford, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"The level of technology is advancing more and more frequently, and we want students to have the best quality educational experience as possible."

Whiteford said that almost every Liberal Arts and Sciences department will benefit from the recent addition of Hach Hall, dedicated to chemistry, and the future addition of Troxel Hall.

"While Hach Hall and Troxel Hall are primarily for sciences, nearly all other departments will get something from this," Whiteford said.

"For example, Gilman Hall is in the process of being partially vacated. There are many large and now-abandoned labs in that building that are going to be renovated to function as additional classrooms for other LAS departments," Whiteford said.

Troxel Hall is to be constructed east of Horticulture Hall and north of the Farm House Museum.

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lem," Steffen said. "The shelter is strictly doing dogs at this point because they have dogs running loose in the streets."

The overpopulation is the result of many policies in place there.

Despite the overpopulation problem, people in Serbia are dealing with the overpopulation in a humane manner, the ISU students said, contrary to what other sources have indicated.

"[The perception that Serbians are addressing the problem inhumanely] is completely inaccurate, and [it is] unfortunate that such incorrect information is readily available," Wormley said.

"In Belgrade, Veterina Beograd is under the control of city government and is responsible for care of all stray, feral and abandoned dogs.

The country uses a catch-neuter-release program to deal with overpopulation. Wormley said there are seven teams of dog catchers that go out and capture dogs.

The captured dogs are then taken to an animal shelter where they undergo physical examinations and necessary treatment. They are then sterilized and vaccinated as needed.

"The city as well as the citizens have decided that they want to deal with this in a no-kill way," Steffen said.



Location of Serbia, darker gray, on the European continent, dark gray. Courtesy photo: Wikimedia Commons

If the dogs were previously captured, they are given new vaccines if it has been a year since their capture. After spending several days recovering, or longer if needed, some dogs are put up for adoption.

Wormley and Steffen were the first American students

to be involved in this work in Serbia. This was made possible largely by Eldon Uhlenhopp, professor in veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine, who has made many trips to Serbia over the last decade.

Wormley also attributes

the opportunity to her connections via a study-work program with Claudia Baldwin, associate professor of veterinary clinical sciences, and Suzanne Millman, associate professor of veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine.

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culture.

Daniel Chrusciel, president of German Club and senior in industrial engineering, said the 15 to 20 members of his club are able to experience German culture while

still maintaining their American culture. Members do not need to know German to join.

"Our club is about providing a German experience to [ISU] students," Chrusciel said.

"We like to do German cultural stuff."

German Club meets twice each month to watch German movies, go to German restaurants or learn something new about the culture, such as how to polka-dance.

"[German Club] is basically for students who want to have a little piece of Germany," Chrusciel said.

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who are undecided on what to do — this gives opportunities. [Event management] is always in action," Bosselman said.

Bosselman said the major would be a good fit for people who are "people oriented and love people."

"There is a fair amount of work involved. You're not just planning the event and it's over — you are responsible," Bosselman said.

Event management leads to career opportunities including conference manager, wedding planner, special events coordinator and meeting planner.

Dawn Fiihr, academic adviser involved in the making of this major, considers event management a "great field, you get to do a lot of different things."

Fiihr was involved in reviewing curriculum and helping decide what courses would be best for the program. Fiihr will advise students in this major and minor on internships, study abroad opportunities and course schedules.

"There are a lot of students who are excited in pursuing their career in that area, now we have a program for it," Fiihr said. "Part of going through a four-year degree is getting that exposure and experience."

She said the skill requires a lot of work to pull off events and students must be able to "pay attention to detail."

"It is a lot of work to be a part of that but it's very rewarding," Fiihr said. "Students are so excited that it makes us excited. [Iowa State has] the only four-year program in Iowa and one of the few in the Midwest [for event management]."

This program took less than a year to be processed. Bosselman took it as a "vote of confidence that this is a very good idea and there are opportunities in this field."

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Outrage after the 9/11 attacks served as catalyst for the largest expansion in government since World War II. It's easy to forgive a wary, shell-shocked public for conceding liberties in the name of civic security.

The most immediate problem was prevention: How did a global superpower with well-funded domestic and international intelligence agencies fall victim to the single most catastrophic, expertly coordinated terrorist attack of the modern era?

Fueled by paranoia and public cries for accountability, Congress reacted with the USA PATRIOT Act, followed shortly by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, thus resulting in the creation of the TSA.

Integrated into the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, it is the sole responsibility of the TSA to ensure security at 450 U.S. airports. Along with the Federal Air Marshals, the TSA employs 45,000 security officers, or screeners, to the tune of \$24,000 to \$36,000 of your tax money per year.

Since its inception, the TSA hasn't been wildly popular. Thanks to the botched “shoe bombing” by Richard Reid, new security regulations came out mandating shoe removal, limits to the size of liquid containers allowed in carry-on luggage, and the guaranteed confiscation of any object that could be remotely construed as a deadly weapon.

The TSA implemented new screening policies for all passengers Oct. 29, including scans from ‘backscatter’ X-ray machines designed to detect contraband invisible to metal detectors. These scans generate a pseudo-nude silhouette of the individual in question, bringing about the subject of privacy concerns in an increasingly digital era.

If passengers refuse to be scanned, they become subject to a thorough pat-down from a total stranger with little to no law enforcement training. Procedures include inner-leg frisking up to the groin, and under-the-waistband checks for passengers wearing ‘baggy’ attire.

We're all for air security — traveling 500 mph in a chair five miles in the sky most certainly merits the utmost in careful planning.

However, we understand how partially disrobing and subjecting oneself to a semi-nude photo op and/or heavy petting might seem a bit disconcerting.

“How safe is safe enough?” is a slippery slope. “Safety” is responsible for the demise of everything from the jungle gym to Four Loko, and sadly, accountability too. It seems we can't trust ourselves to do anything stupid without swift legislation or court action.

We're increasingly fearful of the world, to the point of literal government molestation.

Fear not: Our savior, U.S. House Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, has introduced the American Traveler Dignity Act and called for the private sector to step in with less intrusive means of airport security. We're all for that, and we'll link to the press release online.

Here's wishing luck to those traveling by air next week — we hear you'll need it. Stay safe, everyone, and enjoy your break.

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Harry Potter

Magic will live on

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Did you go see “the Deathly Hallows” last night? If you did, you joined hundreds of thousands of people who, just like you, are enthralled by the magic of Harry Potter.

Theaters all across the country were showing the film on all their screens with tickets sold out sometimes weeks in advance. If you didn't go last night and aren't planning on joining enthusiastic movie-goers in the next few weeks, you are missing out.

Harry Potter is the boy who has united our generation. We remember in elementary school seeing those new books on the shelf at the book fair, wondering if it will be any good. We remember getting the books as birthday presents and promptly ignoring our family for the rest of the day while we frantically flip from page to page. We remember attending the mid-night premiers. We remember crying when a few of our beloved characters died and we remember celebrating victories over evil.

And if you went to the premier last night, you will remember the costumes and the excitement! And yes, there are those people who have never read

“Harry Potter,” but they are becoming fewer and fewer.

The adventures of Harry, Ron and Hermione are something we all have in common. There have been more than 400 million copies sold in at least 64 languages. Just think if you ever get stranded in an airport and need a conversation topic,

King phrased it this way:

“Think how it must be for all the kids who were 8 when Harry debuted in “Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone,” with its cartoon jacket and modest [500 copies] first edition. Those kids are now 18, and when they close the final book, they will be in some measure

ings on long drives to see grandma in Cincinnati or uncle Bob in Wichita.”

Part of me will be sad on July 15, 2011, when part two of the final movie will be released.

It has the feeling of an ending, very complete and rather depressing. But even though the books were completed three years ago and the movies will soon be over, Harry Potter will never truly die.

In his final monologue, Harry reminds us, “That's what's special about Hogwarts. No matter how long you've been away, there's always a way back.”

In that same way, the world J.K. Rowling created is eternal. Long after we are gone there will still be someone, somewhere discovering the adventure that has enthralled so many.

No, there won't be any more books or multi-billion dollar movies, but the excitement doesn't have to end.

As long as we keep wearing those ridiculously fantastic glasses on Halloween and share

the story with the next generation, the magic will live on.

Courtesy photo: Wikimedia Commons

Pop culture

Degenerate TV still sells

By Edward.Leonard@iowastatedaily.com



Yep, you heard right. Sarah Palin is, once again, in the limelight. This time she's chosen, like so many has-been celebrities, reality television to stay in the public eye. — “Sarah Palin's Alaska,” it's a great idea.

But she's not the first. She'll be joining the elite ranks of reality TV stars, up there with such noteworthy names as Rod Blagojevich, Donald Trump and Ozzy Osbourne.

Since around 2000, when “Survivor” and “Big Brother” came onto the scene with explosive popularity, we, as a culture, have been obsessed with these shows. Most of these shows follow a rigid formula: A group of people — none of who has an IQ much more than 60 — yell at each other for 40 minutes before attempting some inane and probably dangerous activity like

eating live scorpions or swinging from a rope through a waterfall into a giant rock wall.

The “winner” of this competition, being the person who either ate the most scorpions or made the largest dent in the wall, will either get immunity from elimination or a free trip to the hospital to treat severe food poisoning and broken bones. The contestants then yell some more as they vote in a reverse-popularity contest for whom they want to leave the island. Roll credits. Exciting, no?

Then there are those shows that completely do away with the competition and simply follow the “stars” around through their day-to-day lives — this will be the type of show the former Alaska governor will be starring in. The family, most likely containing a celebrity from the 1980s, will be followed around.

For the purpose of this example, we will use David Bowie.

As the show opens we see scenes of David Bowie doing his normal pop star thing, preparing for his next big concert. After perhaps five minutes of this his phone rings, and he interrupts everything to answer it.

It turns out that this phone call was life-changing news: his daughter, about 10 years old, is engaged! The worried father must now fly back to Manhattan to talk her out of this foolhardy and childish decision.

When he gets there, he sits down with his family to chat about it. He will find that his wife is actually for the engagement, and the remainder of the show will be the two of them arguing over whether or not their 10-year-old daughter should be wed in the next week.

By the end of the show, of

course, little Alexandria will end up breaking it off with her 26-year-old boyfriend, and all will, once again, be at peace in the Bowie household. Oh, and all of this is unscripted.

As a nation we have gobbled this up and made it our bread and butter. Shows such as “American Idol,” “The Apprentice” and “Tool Academy” are continually getting ratings as good as, and sometimes better than, those shows with outdated things like scripts or clever writing.

Why is this? Is it some sort of Schadenfreude that drives our passion for watching people in conflict of the most ridiculous sort? Perhaps. I like to think so, as the other option is that we, as a culture, are wont to encourage idiocy.

However, one good thing could come from all this. With luck, we can vote Palin off the continent.

Politics

Give Ralph Nader a fair shake

By Victor.Hugg@iowastatedaily.com

In today's day and age, Ralph Nader's name is often uttered with scorn. Often, his name is not mentioned without being accompanied by the word “spoiler,” a derisive label that refers to his role in the U.S. presidential election of 2000. The harsh language thrown about by vengeful Democrats would lead one to the conclusion that Nader is only a mischievous man whose end goal was to siphon votes away from Al Gore; this is far from the case.

Very few seem to be acquainted with the fact that, decades ago, Nader's brave actions carried a substantial amount of weight. In 1965, Nader published “Unsafe at Any Speed,” a book that detailed how unsafe cars were at the time. Nader's advocacy played a significant role in the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966.

In addition to establishing several automobile safety standards — including the mandatory installation of seat belts — the legislation created the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Today, the

NHTSA estimates that 11,000 lives are saved each year by the use of seat belts.

Nader founded and inspired the creation of many non-profit organizations.

Through these organizations, Nader was involved with the development of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Freedom of Information Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Surgeon General Warnings and numerous other pieces of beneficial legislation.

The amount of time, money and lives saved in part because of this man is extraordinary.

Unsurprisingly, attacking corporations, as the above laws do, carries consequences. The media does not care for Nader, despite his bringing to light a multitude of issues that other politicians, most notably, other presidential candidates, refuse to discuss.

For example, mainstream candidates — beholden to powerful corporate interests —

downplay the consideration of bold policy ideas like a single-payer health care system or an effectual cut to our bloated military budget.

When Ralph Nader entered the 2008 presidential race as an independent, the then-Democratic hopefuls immediately released statements unjustly connecting Nader's presence in the 2000 presidential election with Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush.

One such statement was given by Hillary Clinton in February 2008:

“His being on the Green Party [ticket] prevented Al Gore from being the greenest president we could have had, and I think that's really unfortunate. I think we paid a big price for it. I'm pretty sad about that.”

Nader was and will likely continue to be consistently banned from being able to attend a presidential debate.

In the now-notorious 2000 presidential election, networks prohibited his mere attendance to a televised broadcast of the debate.

The frivolous justification used included pointing

to Nader's lack of substantial fundraising, which supposedly indicated that he would not be a factor in the race. After Bush purportedly won the election, the public turned and viciously blamed Nader for “giving the election to Bush” and for “spoiling the election.” The delusional invectives notwithstanding, it would appear Ralph Nader might have been a factor after all.

Ralph Nader is not the reason Al Gore lost in 2000. The blame rests with uninformed voters. Millions of Democrats voted Republican, or did not vote at all, and Al Gore failed to win his home state of Tennessee. In Florida, there were six other third-party candidates who received more than 537 votes, the magic number needed to sway the election.



But wait, there's more:

The entire story couldn't fit here. Find the rest online at iowastatedaily.com

Women's basketball



Coach Bill Fennelly reacts to the Cyclone defense during the exhibition game versus Minnesota State on Nov. 4 at Hilton Coliseum. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Cyclones prepare for road stretch

First experience in Virgin Islands, outside Ames

By Dan. Tracy @iowastatedaily.com



With six newcomers to Division I women's basketball on this year's ISU roster, the Cyclones have been fortunate to have their first two exhibition and regular season games in the friendly confines of Hilton Coliseum.

Now the Cyclones (2-0) will get their first experiences away from Ames as they travel to Cedar Falls on Sunday to face Northern Iowa and next week as they fly to the U.S. Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam Tournament.

"I think we're in a very important stretch of the season, five of our next six games will be either on the road or at a neutral site," coach Bill Fennelly said.

Fennelly and the Cyclones will begin that stretch with their second straight game against an in-state rival Sunday against the Panthers. Iowa State defeated Drake at home Monday (64-46) for Fennelly's 500th career vic-

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Iowa State

N. Iowa

Where: McCleod Center, Cedar Falls

When: 3 p.m. Sunday

Notes: Iowa State is taking on a four-game road trip over Thanksgiving Break, playing Sunday at Northern Iowa and then playing Nov. 25-27 in the Virgin Islands as a part of the Paradise Jam Tournament.

Iowa State has opened the season 2-0, but the road stretch will be the young team's first time playing outside Hilton Coliseum.

Men's basketball

Hoiberg vs. McDermott

Cyclones take on Creighton, former coach

By Chris. Cuellar @iowastatedaily.com

It wasn't the most prosperous four years in ISU basketball history.

From the fall of 2006 to the spring of 2010, coach Greg McDermott led the Cyclones to a 59-68 record, a high turnover rate among players, and couldn't get Iowa State to an NCAA Tournament. The tall dark-haired coach was a quality person by all accounts, but just couldn't win in Ames, and decided to take the job opening this off-season at Creighton University in nearby Omaha, Neb.

Iowa State (3-0) takes on Creighton (3-0) Sunday at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

"It's going to be a tough game, coach Mac knows these guys inside and out," said ISU coach Fred Hoiberg. "He knows their strengths and he knows their weaknesses, and I know he's going to try and

expose that. I have a ton of respect for coach Mac and I think he'll do a tremendous job at Creighton."

Hoiberg and McDermott are each off to 3-0 starts at their new locations, with both teams sharing wins over Northern Arizona and Alabama State. The Cyclones' returning players Dante Garrett, Jamie Vanderbeken, Scott Christopherson and Bubu Palo played and practiced under McDermott, and while several newcomers on the current roster were recruited by McDermott's staffers, they never played under him.

Christopherson, Garrett and Vanderbeken make up three of the top four current ISU scorers, and expect their former coach to bring his best effort from Omaha.

"Last year the highlight of our season up until Kansas State was a big win over Drake, and I certainly would hope that we have a

lot more highlights of our season than we did last year," Christopherson said.

Not everything on this current Cyclone team has McDermott's touch though, as Hoiberg has formed an identity around running the floor and playing up-tempo basketball with up to four guards on the floor at one time, something McDermott never would have contemplated.

Iowa State's 91-43 dominating victory over Drake on Wednesday at Hilton Coliseum was definitely a step in a different direction.

"I hate to sound like a broken record, but we just keep playing unselfish basketball," Hoiberg said. "I know our guys are excited.

MAC.p8>> Former ISU coach Greg McDermott. Photo: Logan Gaedke/Iowa State Daily



Football

Iowa State hosts Missouri for final game

Tiller takes over for Arnaud after last week's injury

By David. Merrill @iowastatedaily.com

It all comes down to this.

Iowa State enters the final game of the season against No. 17 Missouri (8-2, 4-2 Big 12) at 5-6.

With a win, the Cyclones will become bowl eligible, ensuring post-season play for the second straight year.

Sophomore quarterback Jerome Tiller will get his first start of the season as starting quarterback Austen Arnaud went down for the season with an ACL and MCL tear in the team's loss to Colorado.

"It's obviously different, Austen has been there for awhile," said senior running back Alexander Robinson. "I'm out there stretching and I'm getting ready to say something and he's not there. It's a difficult situation, especially with the way he ended his senior year."

Offensive coordinator Tom Herman knows Tiller is going to have to be on top of his game if he is going to manage the offense effectively.

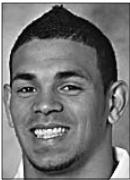
Tiller was effective after going in for Arnaud against Colorado and has had experience this year against Kansas State.

He also has last year's victory over Nebraska under his belt.

"He's got to protect

the ball," Herman said. "He's done a nice job in games he's been in this year. He's got to manage the game, keep the tempo up. He doesn't have to do anything super-human, but if he can protect the ball and manage the game, it will be a successful night for him."

Iowa State will have the same defensive personnel on the field, but they will need a much different performance



Tiller



Knott



Quarterback Jerome Tiller eludes a tackle in the second half of the Sept. 25 game against Northern Iowa in Jack Trice Stadium. The Cyclones defeated the Panthers 27-0. File photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

from them than they got against Colorado.

Missouri features a balanced, spread offensive attack

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Volleyball

Cyclones prepare for Texas trio to finish off year

Team will battle Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech

By Jake. Calhoun @iowastatedaily.com

If there was an optimal time to have momentum at any point in the season for ISU volleyball, the final week of the regular season would be it. No. 16 Iowa State (18-7, 11-6 Big 12) will finish its season off with matches against




Texas A&M on Nov. 21, Texas Tech on Nov. 24 and No. 8 Texas on Nov. 27. These final three matches have big implications for the Cyclones heading into the NCAA tournament.

"Every win at this point is so important for seeding once we get to the tournament, obviously we want the easier road," said middle blocker Debbie Stadick. "It'd be nice to get two road wins and then come back here and beat Texas. That would be

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Iowa State's Victoria Henson spikes the ball to Colorado during the Cyclones' game against the Buffaloes in Hilton Coliseum on Tuesday. File photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily



Iowa State

Texas A&M

Where: College Station, Texas

When: 2 p.m. Sunday

Notes: Iowa State will have three games over break, playing three of the Big 12's Texas schools, Texas A&M on Sunday, Texas Tech on Wednesday and Texas on Nov. 27 to close out the regular season.

The Cyclones' NCAA tournament fate will be decided on Nov. 28 after the regular season is done.

Calendar

SATURDAY

- Swimming & Diving**
TYR Northwestern Invitational – Day 2
Evanston, Ill.

Wrestling
Omaha Open
Omaha, Neb.

Football
vs. Missouri
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SUNDAY

- Swimming & Diving**
TYR Northwestern Invitational – Day 3
Evanston, Ill.

Volleyball
@ Texas A&M
College Station, Texas

Men's Basketball
vs. Creighton
Des Moines

Women's Basketball
@ Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls

Wrestling
vs. Old Dominion
Ames

MONDAY

- Cross Country**
NCAA Championships
Terre Haute, Ind.

WEDNESDAY

Volleyball
@ Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas

Men's Basketball
vs. Kennesaw State
Ames

THURSDAY

- Women's Basketball**
vs. Virginia
St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands

FRIDAY

Women's Basketball
vs. TCU
St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands

Hockey
at the University of British Columbia
Vancouver,
British Columbia

SATURDAY

- Men's Basketball**
vs. Montana State
Ames

Women's Basketball
vs. West Virginia
St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands

Volleyball
vs. Texas
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at Simon Fraser University
Burnaby,
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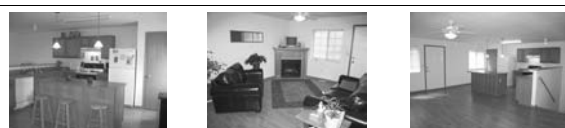
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26 "Can you dig it?" response
27
29 "Wayne's World" cohost
31 Shouldered
32 Out of line
34 Golfer's concern

37 ____ Affair; 1798-1800 France/USA dispute
42 Hindu meditation aid
44 "Swan Lake" maiden
47 Wild goats with recurved horns
48 Makes void
51 Gladiator's defense
53 Window-making giant
54 Word in a basic Latin conjugation
55 Tupper ending
57 Many millennia
58 Certain NCO
59 General ____ chicken
61 Tipping target, so it's said
62 Drano component

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Jokes For the Day

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack. "Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager. Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?" The bank manager looks back at her and says... "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

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Daily Sudoku

		4	9		5		1	
6								
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	4	2				8	5	
3								
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Level: medium

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every number 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Today's solution:

7	3	4	9	8	5	6	1	2
6	1	8	4	2	7	3	9	5
5	2	9	3	1	6	7	4	8
9	8	7	2	5	4	1	6	3
1	4	2	7	6	3	8	5	9
3	6	5	8	9	1	2	7	4
2	9	6	5	7	8	4	3	1
8	7	3	1	4	9	5	2	6
4	5	1	6	3	2	9	8	7

Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Scorpio: Joke Around

Today's birthday (11/19/10). Consider your personal direction daily, and post your favorite possibility on the mirror. Major changes affect your personal style. A complete wardrobe change may be in order as you take on new responsibilities. Allow yourself to dream big.

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- What seems gloomy in the morning cheers up if you make an effort. You can change the way the wind blows, if you want to. That could be great fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- A close associate places demands on your time and energy today. Put your own ambitious plans on the back burner and pay attention. It's not about you today.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Hard work accompanied by intelligent thinking produces unique results. Then you must find a clever way to enroll others. This is the

challenge.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Finances prevent a perceived obstacle to your creative process. With a little examination, you discover ways to get materials without breaking the bank.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Try not to demand change, even though you know it's necessary. Instead, present a logical argument, as well as a variety of choices. Ease others into aligning on a plan.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- If you narrow your focus too quickly, you miss some exciting possibilities. Maintain an open point of view, and record the choices for later use.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- To be effective, remain within your own boundaries. Use tension or stress as an indication of which direction not to go. Choose the path of least resistance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You need fun today, regardless

of what coworkers require of you. Joke around while handling serious matters. Notice where exuberance meets practicality.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Take extra time today to clarify what remains to be done on a project. That way, you can mull over possibilities over the weekend and be prepared.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Independent actions boost your self-esteem. Others need to remain in the loop. Refine the logic. Take notes and share them as you go along.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Keep your head down, focusing on your task. Let others handle their own problems. They learn from the experience, and you get your work done.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You won't get all the info you need today. Develop questions that will elicit what's missing. You'll feel quite productive this way, correctly so.

what? just sayin

To the guy on Cyride, sorry my crotch got shoved in your face. It was just as awkward for me too.

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Does no one else on campus see the correlation between free condom Wednesday and Wednesday being called hump day?

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To the person who sits behind me in my HDFS lecture NO I will NOT knit you a hat, because A) I am not your mother and B) I am not Santa. So ask one of them...just sayin

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Thank you to the Iowa State Marching and Jazz Band for the wonderful performance on Sunday -CyRide Driver

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Men in marching band uniforms are incredibly attractive...which is why I joined marching band...

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Dear engineering profs. your job is to educate us, not break our spirits, we won't think you've gone soft if you don't assign a 6+ hour homework assignment in addition to the massive project due... just sayin.

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To the girl re-applying make-up inbetween classes: are you kidding me? You're lucky if I take the time to shower for class, let alone spend my time putting on make-up. Or in your case- re-applying it! ...just sayin.

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To the people wearing Longhorn gear...the Cyclones beat them now represent your own school...

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don't professors know that most students mentally check out for break at least a week in advance? i'm not a fan of all the tests this week...

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North Face and Ugg should pretty much sponsor ISU..

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Don't believe everything you read

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I'm going to get a large eggnog latte the next time a Bookends employee tells me a medium is a days worth of calories...ITS THE BEST PART OF THE HOLIDAYS AND NO I DON'T FEEL GUILTY.

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Since I've come to college I've learned a lot about myself. I've learned that I should never have my phone when I drink, classes are A LOT harder than H.S. and naps are the greatest things in the world

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Winter Break...WHERE YOU AT?!?!?

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Just snow already...

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To the girls that threw the VEGAS themed party in Ames last weekend. I'm still hungover. Jackpot.

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They love playing these games, and they love getting after it. If we keep doing that, we'll be fine on Sunday."

The Cyclones have had a little more ease than the Bluejays in taking care of their opponents, as Iowa State boasts a current winning margin of 29.7 points. Iowa State took care of Northern Arizona by 14 points, a team Creighton beat by four, and Alabama State by 27, a squad the Jays topped by 14. The Cyclones' first year coach credits practice habits for the easy wins.

Iowa State's defense has been a catalyst in the early success though, something McDermott preached during his time pacing the sidelines on the cardinal and wood-grain court. Iowa State is allowing opponents to shoot just 30.6 percent from the field so far.

"We're further ahead defensively right now, just because there are going to be nights when the ball isn't going in the basket," Hoiberg said. "We're going to have to defend if we want to have a chance of winning. I'm really proud of this group right now, because they're playing the right way."

Part of the appeal for the Cyclones' former coach heading just a few hours to the west was being able to coach his son at the college level. Now a true freshman forward for the Jays, Doug McDermott, is already averaging 12.7 points per game, and is proving that he belongs on the court and not just because his father is drawing up the plays.

The Jays have struggled shooting from the floor, knocking down just under 38 percent of shots, but are limiting mistakes and holding opponents to only 61 points a game.

"They're picked to have a pretty good year, so we know they're going to be a tough opponent," Christopherson said.

Sunday's game is still part of the Global Sports Hy-Vee Challenge, a round robin format series. Iowa State expects to be tested by McDermott's club, but Kennesaw State knocked off traditional power Georgia Tech by 17 points earlier this week.

Sunday's game against Creighton tips off at 2 p.m., and Wednesday's break game against Kennesaw State is not part of student ticket package, but has tickets available and tips at 7 p.m.

**VS.**

Iowa State
(3-0)

Creighton
(3-0)

Where: Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

When: 2 p.m. Sunday

Media coverage: Media-com, channel 22

Cyclone Radio Network Chat with Daily writers Jake Lovett and Chris Cuellar live from Sunday's game.

Notes: Iowa State will face former coach Greg McDermott for the first time since he took over the job at Creighton.

The Cyclones have won their first three games by an average of 29.7 points. Creighton is holding its opponents to just 61 points per game in the first three contests in McDermott's first season



The ball slips past Victoria Henson during the Cyclones' game against Colorado in Hilton Coliseum on Tuesday. The Cyclones won in a three-game streak. Photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

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huge."

The Cyclones are coming off a three-set sweep of Colorado (25-13, 25-9, 25-22) last Tuesday to snap a two-match losing streak to unranked opponents. For a Cyclone team that had lost two demoralizing matches to Missouri and Oklahoma, the victory over Colorado was liberating.

"I think it's just kind of a little bit of a weight lifted off our shoulders," said outside hitter Victoria Henson. "Just to get a win was just really exciting that we were able to come out of that rut and just go into the next match with a little bit more confidence than probably what we had after losing those last two matches."

The grueling three-match stretch will begin Sunday in College Station, Texas, where the Cyclones will take on Texas A&M (13-14, 7-10) at Reed Arena.

The Aggies are coming off a four-set victory over Kansas State (25-16, 25-21, 18-25, 25-22) on Wednesday in Manhattan, Kan. Junior Kelsey Black led the team with 19 kills while hitting at a .250 clip. The outside hitter currently leads the Big 12 in kills with 428

on the season and is second in the Big 12 in kills per set with 4.13. The Aggies also lead the Big 12 in service aces with 125 on the season, with an average of 1.26 service aces per set.

Even though the ISU defense has had its share of outstanding performances, coach Christy Johnson-Lynch says slowing down Black will be no simple task.

"We've got to do a good job of identifying where she [Black] is," said Johnson-Lynch. "We can't ever forget where she is on the court and make sure we always have two blockers up on her. She tends to hit hard and blast balls off the block off the hands so we've got to make sure our hands are pressed over the net."

On Oct. 16, then-13th-ranked Iowa State held off Texas A&M in four sets (25-22, 21-25, 25-11, 26-24) at Ames High School to win its second of a five-match win streak. In that match, junior Carly Jensen led the Cyclones with a career-high 20 kills, along with 10 digs for her seventh double-double of the season at the time.

The Cyclones will continue their regular season-ending stretch Wednesday against Texas Tech (3-23, 1-16) at United Sprint Arena in

Lubbock, Texas.

The Red Raiders have been riding an 11-match losing streak that began with a three-set loss to Iowa State (16-25, 16-25, 18-25) back on Oct. 6 at Ames High School.

In a five-set loss to Colorado on Oct. 13, junior Amanda Dowdy smashed a Big 12 season-high of 37 kills — the most of any Big 12 player since Texas A&M's Laura Jones recorded 38 kills on Nov. 26, 2005.

"She [Dowdy] is a great, great athlete," said Johnson-Lynch. "She's appearing at different spots on the court unlike Black. Black will only hit from pretty much one spot. Dowdy will hit out of the back row, different quick slide balls, she'll hit a lot of different things so we have to make sure we always know where she's at on the court and that's a little bit more difficult assignment than it is with Black."

The final match of the season will be the final regular season match played in Hilton Coliseum for the three ISU seniors, as the Cyclones will try to avenge an earlier five-set loss to No. 8 Texas (19-5, 14-2) on Nov. 27.

On Sept. 29, then-No. 9 Iowa State came up shy of winning their first-ever match in Austin, Texas, as the

Longhorns pulled off the upset (25-17, 16-25, 25-12, 15-25, 11-15).

Since then, the Cyclones learned from the mistakes they made in that match and plan on capitalizing as the now take on the role as the underdog.

"I think we played really timid and we weren't being aggressive when we needed to be in Austin," said Henson. "So we just need to be aggressive and not be scared of whoever it is that's on the other side of the net and just play our game."

The Longhorns lead the Big 12 in total hitting percentage with a .298 clip, boasting two players with the second and third highest individual hitting percentages in the conference. Middle blockers Jennifer Doris and Rachael Adams are second and third in the Big 12 with a .426 and .414 cumulative hitting percentages, respectively.

For ISU middle blockers, stopping this tandem is key.

"I think it's going to be really important for us to serve aggressively at them and get them out of their system so that they can't set those middles as much," said Stadick. "They're really quick, so [we'll be] making sure that we're fast off the ground and following into transition and not just inside-out."

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tory, but Fennelly expects a much different atmosphere as he and his team try for No. 501.

"Ten of 11 kids on our roster have never played at Northern Iowa and this is the home opener so they'll be more than ready for us," Fennelly said.

UNI coach Tanya Warren and her squad are off to a 2-0 start with victories on the road against Colorado State (74-50) and Southeast Missouri State (70-57). Heading into their home opener, the Panthers have been led by Preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference players 6-foot-2-inch senior center Lizzie Boeck and 5-foot-8-inch junior guard Jacqui Kalin. Boeck is averaging 15 points and nine rebounds per game while Kalin is averaging 16.5 points.

"For them it will be one of their biggest home games of the year and there's always a lot of emotion that goes into playing UNI," Fennelly said.

The Panthers are coming off of their first trip to the NCAA Tournament in after winning the 2009 Missouri Valley Conference as the No. 5 seed in the conference

tournament.

With the Sweet Sixteen finish for last year's men's basketball squad and the current success of the No. 12 volleyball team, Fennelly believes that this UNI team is preparing for their own season in the spotlight.

"They're trying to find their little niche," Fennelly said. "I'm sure women's basketball wants to have that and they are poised to have a really good year."

With three juniors and two seniors in their starting lineup, Fennelly points to the experience of this squad as being an advantage that the Panthers, who were picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Conference, may have on the Cyclones.

"I think the biggest thing with UNI is that there a very experienced team," Fennelly said. "Top to bottom when you look at their ability to score the ball and their depth and experience they're going to be a very good team this year."

Fennelly-coached teams are 13-2 against the Panthers with their last loss coming in Cedar Falls in 2002.

The game Sunday is scheduled for 3 p.m. will be broadcast on Mediacom.



Linebacker Jake Knott takes down a Texas Tech player during the Iowa State vs. Texas Tech game. Knott had 13 tackles to aid in a Cyclone 52-38 victory. File photo: Gene Pavelko/Iowa State Daily

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The Tigers feature three capable running backs that are each averaging nearly six yards per carry this season. Their leading rusher, DeVion Moore, has 415 yards on 73 carries.

Running backs Henry Josey and Kendial Lawrence have also been effective in the backfield. Josey has 61 carries for 356 yards and Lawrence has racked up 302 yards on 56 carries.

"They're one of the most difficult teams we've had to prepare for," said defensive coordinator Wally Burnham. "They have all kinds of formations you have to adjust to and you have to stop the run because they run the ball so well."

Missouri doesn't have a slouch at quarterback, either. Blaine Gabbert has thrown for 2,401 yards this season with an average of 240 passing yards per game. His two favorite targets are wide receivers Michael Egnew and T.J. Moe. Egnew has caught 71 passes for 586 yards while Moe has contributed 94 yards on 70 receptions.

Gabbert also has 171 yards rushing on 82 carries this season.

"He's a big kid that can run better than you'd think he can," Burnham said. "He throws the ball real well and he'll scramble on you. He's the complete package."

The defense's performance against Colorado came down to a lack of execution.



Burnham saw too many missed tackles and didn't think the team played with a lot of energy.

Linebacker Jake Knott is coming off a performance in which he recorded a career-high 16 tackles.

"They spread the ball out and try to get you to key on the pass more than the run, but they run it just as well as they pass it," Knott said. "They can gash teams for a lot of yards at any given time, so we have to be able to read our keys at all times."

This will be the final home game for 18 seniors — nine of them starters — including captains, Robinson, Michael O'Connell, Rashawn Parker, and Arnaud.

"[This game] is extremely important," Robinson said. "Not only for the seniors, but the direction we want to take the program. This game is huge for us."

**VS.**

Iowa State
(5-6, 3-4)

Missouri
(8-2, 4-2)

Where: Jack Trice Stadium

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

Media coverage: Fox Sports Net

Cyclone Radio Network Chat during the game with writers from the Des Moines Register, as well as Daily writers Jake Lovett, David Merrill and Chris Cuellar live from Jack Trice Stadium.

Notes: Iowa State needs one more win to become bowl eligible for the second straight season. This would mark the first time that Iowa State would be bowl eligible two-straight seasons since 2004-05.

Missouri leads the all-time series between the two teams 59-34-9, although the Tigers only lead 9-8 in games played in Jack Trice Stadium.

ISU sophomore Jerome Tiller will be the starter at quarterback for the Cyclones.



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